

Mark-up of Claim 12.

12. (Amended) Method for identifying genes differentially expressed between cells isolated from different tissues, the method comprising:

- A. detecting target cells from a first and a second tissue;
- B. obtaining nearly 100% specific target cells by repeatedly immunomagnetically isolating said first and second tissue target cells;
- [B]C. determining levels of mRNA expression within said first and second tissue target cells;
- [C]D. comparing the levels of mRNA expression in said first and second tissue target cells; and
- [D]E. based upon the comparison in step D, identifying the genes differentially expressed between said first and second tissue target cells [based on the comparison of the mRNA expression levels], wherein at least one of said first and second tissue target cells are tumor cells, in order to recognize previously unknown genes possibly involved in determining metastatic characteristics of cancer cells.